

very close to each other. The distribution system is very old and in some cases, the service pipes are corroded and leaking in spite of regular maintenance. Sometimes, complaints of contaminated supply are received as the supply is intermittent.

(c) and (d) The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that the quality of water is checked at every stage from the raw water stage to storage in service reservoirs and at the distribution stage. Testing kits have been provided to Junior Engineers working in zones to maintain the quality of water at consumers' end. Complaints of contaminated water supply in the Walled City are attended to immediately.

Promotion of Pollution Treatment Facilities

3334. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has urged the Government to promote pollution treatment facility as an industry to reduce the capital cost and ensure proper pollution disposals ;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto ;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a green buffer zone around the hazardous industries to bring down the toxicity of the effluents ; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has suggested to Government that there is need to provide financial and physical incentives to give an impetus to pollution control and prevention programmes of industries. Financial incentives are provided for installing pollution control devices. Special efforts have been made in providing funds to industries to augment their pollution control systems in order to conform to the prescribed standards.

(c) and (d) In according environmental clearance to projects, it is stipulated that a greenbelt should be created around the plants in question. While designing the greenbelt the project authorities have been asked to design it on a scientific basis taking into account the pollution attenuation required.

Concern for Working Children

3335. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRI-YAPPA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of an organisation called 'Concern for Working Children' (CWC) in Bangalore ;

(b) whether this organisation has started some projects for the betterment of children ;

(c) if so, the details of the project ;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide financial assistance to such organisations ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The organisation is running Centres for street children and working children in different parts of Bangalore as well as Basrur, South Karnataka. Children who come to those Centres have access to education and vocational training.

(d) and (e) Yes. If suitable proposal is received, it would be considered on merit.

[*Translation*]

Deaths due to Gastro-Enteritis in Shahdara, Delhi

3336. SHRI KALKA DASS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons who died of gastro-enteritis in Shahdara (Delhi) during the last three years;

(b) whether any enquiry was conducted in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any lapse on the part of Municipal Corporation of Delhi in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Literacy Amongst SC/ST

3337. SHRI KALKA DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of literate and illiterate men and women amongst the SC/ST population separately;

(b) the special steps being taken by the Government to increase the percentage of their literacy;

(c) whether Government are providing special incentives to encourage education amongst them; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Percentage of literate and illiterate men and women amongst Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes is not available as per the provisional figures of the 1991 census which have been released so far. However, as per the census data of 1981, the literacy rates amongst them (for all age groups) were as under :

SC/ST	Persons	Male	Female
Scheduled Caste	21.38	31.12	10.93
Scheduled Tribes	16.35	24.52	8.04

(b) Universalisation of elementary education for School drop-outs and schools of children up to the 14 years of age, a programme of non-formal education for School dropouts and working children in 10 educationally

backward States and the National Literacy Mission which aims at imparting functional literacy to 80 millions adult illiterates in the 15—35 age-group by 1995 form an integral part